



## Summer Events

### Swim Lesson Registration

- Tuesday/Thursday—June 4 & 6th 2013 3pm to 6pm at Gath Pool and at Crystal Lake
- Saturday—June 8th 2013 from 1pm to 4pm at both Gath Pool and Crystal Lake
- **Session 1 Lessons Begin**—Thursday June 27, 2013 end Friday July 5, no classes Thursday July 4th—Gath Pool Closed July 4, Crystal Lake is on weekend schedule.
- **July 4th Celebration**—The Newton Civic Pride Committee will again sponsor the annual July 4th Celebration at the Russell J. Halloran Sports and Athletic Complex culminating in a Fireworks Display at 9pm **Gath Pool will be closed for Fireworks Preparation**

### Championship Swim Meet

The Newton Parks and Recreation Department will again host the West Suburban Summer Swim League Championships on Saturday August 10, 2013 meet begins at 9am the facility is closed to the public during this event and may reopen after event cleanup approximately 6am weather permitting.

### Schedule of Activities

Will be posted in the calendar on the Gath Pool Main Web page

## Swimming Lessons:

Parks and Recreation provides lessons to residents for a nominal fee. The fee for the 2013 season will be \$45.00 per person/session. A swim permit is also a requirement for all participants in the learn to swim program regardless of age. The season swim permit must be purchased prior to lesson registration. We have four sessions of lessons for the summer of 2013, please note the session dates below:

**Session 1** - June 27, 2013 through Friday July 5, 2013 (due to lateness of public school year).

**Gath Pool is Closed**—Thursday, July 4, 2013 for fireworks preparation (lesson costs prorated)

**Session 2** - July 8, 2013 through Friday - July 19, 2013

**Session 3** - July 22, 2013 through Friday - August 2, 2013

**Session 4** - August 5, 2013 through Friday - August 16, 2013

The Parks and Recreation Department Learn to Swim Program is an authorized provider of American Red Cross Learn to Swim Programs. As such the department is obligated to follow the guidelines of the American Red Cross. The program offered will be the 2009 American Red Cross Learn to Swim Program. This program has age restrictions. Children under 6 must be registered for the Pre-School Program. Participants in the progressive learn to swim program levels 1-6 must be 6 or they must be in the pre-school program, children in preschool must be fully toilet trained, Gath allows 3 year old participants, the minimum age at Crystal is 4 years old. The age restriction is part of being an authorized Red Cross Provider.

# 2013

# Gath Pool



Setti D. Warren, Mayor

Robert J. DeRubeis,

Commissioner

Thomas F. Cahill, Aquatics Manager

Gath Pool Phone: 617-552-7129

[www.newtonma.gov/gov/parks](http://www.newtonma.gov/gov/parks)

## Facility Information.

### Summer Swim Permit:

Permits are issued to **RESIDENTS ONLY** for the Summer season.

- Fees are nonrefundable.
- Adults (age 18 years and over) cost \$45.00 for the season
- Students are considered (age 6 through 18 years) \$20.00 per person.
- All participants enrolled in the learn to swim program are required to purchase the summer season permit regardless of age
- Seniors (age 62 and over) \$20.00 per person.
- Resident Adult Daily fee \$6.00,
- Resident Student Daily Fee: \$4.00,
- Non-Resident Daily Fee \$10.00 each regardless of age.
- Residents with financial hardship may apply to the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation for a scholarship/fee waiver.
- Summer swim permits are valid at both Gath Pool and Crystal Lake

**Easy Registration:** On-line swim registration is available at [www.activityreg.com](http://www.activityreg.com). There are course descriptions on the aquatics pages at [www.newtonma.gov/gov/parks](http://www.newtonma.gov/gov/parks). Payment is due with Master Card or Visa only at time of registration.

**Swim Wear:** Bathing suits are required under Massachusetts Health Code. No Substitutes will be accepted. Positively no street clothes, cut-offs, leotards etc..... Patrons must take care in purchasing socially acceptable bathing attire. Management reserves the right to determine what will be acceptable swim wear. Use of a white "T" shirt for patrons who burn easily is permitted in swim areas where you can stand.





# Newton Swim Team

The Newton Swim Team “Bluefish” participates in the West Suburban Summer Swim League. The coaches for this team are Scott and Mary Pohlman who bring 36 years experience to the program

You must be a resident of Newton to participate in the meets for the summer swim league.

Contact Scott/Mary Pohlman at 617-527-7177 before 9PM . You can also e-mail the coaches: [newtonmswimteam@gmail.com](mailto:newtonmswimteam@gmail.com)



## Gath Pool Facility Rules and Regulations

**Swim Team:** Gath Pool will close from 5-6pm Mon, Wed, Thurs and Friday for Swim Team Practice and close at 5pm for the night on Tuesday’s for Summer Home Swim Meets. Schedules of meets can be obtained on city web: [www.newtonma.gov/gov/parks](http://www.newtonma.gov/gov/parks)

**Diapers:** No Children with diapers will be permitted in the big pool: Gath Pool accepts a commercially produced reusable swim diaper with the addition of a bathing suit covering the swim diaper in the wading pool. **Disposable swim diapers will not be permitted.**

**Bicycles:** All bicycles must be placed in the designated area outside the baby pool and locked with the proper device. The Parks and Recreation Department assumes no responsibility for lost or stolen items.

**Swim Apparatus:** Snorkels, Masks Fins, inner tubes, inflated toys of any kind are not allowed except during Recreation Department sponsored events and as part of the learn to swim program.

**Food:** Absolutely no food, drink or alcoholic beverages are permitted. Glass containers are prohibited within 20’ of pool area per Mass Health Code.

**Chairs and other obstacles:** Baby carriages, lawn chairs, umbrellas and newspapers etc... are not permitted on the pool deck. This is for the comfort of all users and the protection of users because of wind blown items. Small carry on baby car seat will be acceptable.

**Diving Board and Water Slide Swim Requirements:** All children and non-swimming adults using the deep water area of the pool, diving boards and water slide must complete the following swim test prior to use.

**Deep Water Test:** Jump into water at the five foot mark and comfortably swim using the crawl or breaststroke with rhythmic breathing, face in the water for a distance of approximately 60 feet. (during busy times test will only be given during breaks)

**Water Slide Rules and Regulations:**

- \*Because the slide must be used in water 4’-6” in depth or deeper, all users must pass the above deep water test
- \*Weight limit for the slide is minimum 40 lbs, max 400 lbs.
- \*Sliding head first is prohibited
- \*Only one person is allowed on the slide at a time including ladder
- \*Standing or jumping from any part of the slide is prohibited
- \*Before sliding wait for lifeguard signal all is clear
- \*Do not use the slide if you are pregnant
- \*Do not use the slide if you have a history of back problems, fainting, fear of heights, heart conditions seizures or other serious medical condition.



## Pool Schedule of Operations

**Pre-Season - June 10- June 26** Weekdays M-F will be as follows:  
**Baby Pool Opens at 3:00 PM** pre-season

3:00 PM to 5:00 PM	General/Adult Swim - All swimmers ( 2 lap lanes)
5:00 PM to 6:00 PM	Swim Team Practice (pool is closed to public)
6:00 PM to dusk	General Swim all swimmers welcome (2 lap lanes)

Tuesday’s the Newton Swim Team has home swim meets  
the pool including the baby pool will also be closed for the evening.

**Regular Season Schedule - June 27, 2013 through August 16, 2013 :**

8:30am to 12:10pm	<b>Swimming Lessons only</b> Pool Closed to all other use Adult <b><u>ONLY</u></b> Swim/Senior Exercise No Children allowed including the deck
12:15pm to 1:00pm	
1:00pm to 4:55pm	<b>General Swim</b> Open to All Swimmers (1) lap lane will be available
5:00pm to 6:00pm	<b>Swim Team Practice</b> Pool not open to the public
6:00pm to dusk	<b>General/Adult Swim</b> all swimmers welcome (2) lap lanes will be available

**Early Morning Swim** Tuesday and Thursday 7:30am to 8:15am begins 7/9/2013

**Post Season Schedule - August 22 through Labor Day September 3, 2012 will be:**

12:15pm to 1:00pm	Adult only Swim No Children allowed
1:00pm to Dusk	General Swim (2) lap lanes

**Baby Pool opens at 1 PM in the post season**

**Weekend Schedule** - All Sat/Sun and holidays will follow this schedule  
**Baby Pool opens at 1 PM on weekends and closes at Dusk**

1:00 PM - Dusk	General Swim
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**Pool Closed** - Thursday - JULY 4, Fireworks setup

Swim Meet Schedules and Monthly Calendars are available on the City Web site at <http://www.newtonma.gov/parks>

**The Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to adjust our printed schedules as needed based on the weather conditions or other operational factors.**

**Lap Swimming**

Lap Swimming at Gath Pool is scheduled during all open swim times. There is a minimum of one lap lane available. Patrons must circle swim and keep to the right when swimming laps.

**Senior Aquatic Exercise**

Recreation offers a noon-time exercise program for participants over age 55 during Adult only Swim Time weekdays from 12:15pm until 1:00pm Contact Nancy Scammon, Senior Adult Director for the Parks and Recreation Department at 617-796-1506. Pre-registration is needed to attend this program.